

Town of Rowe
Board of Selectmen – Minutes
Wednesday, January 24, 2018 – 6:30 pm
Rowe Town Hall - Hearing Room 1

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Chair Morse at 6:30pm

Present: Chair Jennifer Morse, Vice-Chair Dennis May, Chuck Sokol and Executive Secretary Janice Boudreau

Also Present: Board of Health Members: Maggie Rice, David Cousineau, Chair, Joanne Semanie, Clerk; Park Ranger Sean Loomis and Park Commission Chair Rich Hamilton; DPW Superintendent Lance Larned; Finance Committee Members: Loretta Dionne, Paul McLatchy III; Planning Board Chair David Roberson; Mohawk Trail Woodlands Partnership Member Nathan Turowsky

MINUTES

Motion to accept Minutes of January 17, 2018: Upon review, a motion was made by Vice-Chair May to accept the Minutes of January 17, 2018. The motion, seconded by Chair Morse was unanimously accepted. (3/0/0)

OLD BUSINESS

1. MLP Update: It was confirmed that the payments to Verizon had been made electronically and the National Grid payments mailed on Thursday. Executive Secretary said she was working on the paperwork to obtain the 2nd disbursement of the Last Mile Fiber Optic Grant for \$132,000.00 and would have it completed in the next day or so.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Budget Hearings:

-Park Commission: Park Ranger and Park Commission Chair Rich Hamilton presented the detail of their budget for the Park. He explained the increase in park wages was due to the raise in minimum wage. There was discussion about the Ranger maintaining a daily log at the Park to record all work completed each day. There was discussion about the replacement of the Park truck with DPW truck if he were to obtain a new replacement truck since the truck is 12 years old and rusting out.

-Board of Health: Board of Health (BOH) Chair David Cousineau presented the FY19 BOH budget. He explained that the hauling costs were changing due to changes in the markets with purchasing recycling materials. The tipping fees were up and there was discussion about strategies to increase recycling. Special projects included dump landscaping to satisfy the Dept. of Environmental Protection requirements, adding a portable potty as the conditions of the current situation are deplorable. There is also a plan to change the arrangement of depositing trash and making it a drive through.

-Planning Board: Chair Roberson presented his budget with few changes.

-DPW: Highway Superintendent Lance Larned presented his FY19 Budget and discussed level funding with the exception of raising the Summer Youth employees to minimum wage. There was discussion about the bridges and roads needing repair. Paul McLatchy of the Finance Committee raised the ideal of having the a town road analysis to determine the depth of every road surface. Capital requests include a new F150 ½ ton pickup and give the current 2011 truck to the Park Dept and a Lawn Tractor.

2. Local Technical Assistance Request from FRCOG: Items were discussed that Franklin Regional Council of Governments requested to prioritize so they may assist in most needed areas. Following discussion, it was agreed Executive Secretary would report priorities for Rowe.

3. Board of Assessors: Motor Vehicle Abatements Report: The Board of Assessors presented a Motor Vehicle Abatement Report for the Board's approval.

Motion to Sign Abatement: Member Sokol made a motion to sign the Motor Vehicle Abatement Report for the amount of \$28.75. The motion, seconded by Vice-Chair May, was unanimously accepted.

4. Veterans' Service District Request: Chair Morse said it was the Board of Assessors who would provide input and implementation. Executive Secretary said she had passed along the request to the Board of Assessors.

5. Emergency Heating Issues: Chair Morse reported not hearing back from the Sandri Representative to discuss the emergency heating notification for the Town building heating systems.

6. Call About Harassment: Chair Morse said that just before the meeting she received a call from Lockwood Reed who said he was on his tractor in the process of driving to elderly neighbors to sand their driveways when stopped by the Police and harassed for driving his tractor in the road. It was agreed Liaison to the Police Vice-Chair May would speak with Chief Shippee to discuss the legal issues. It was agreed that it was a small town and accommodations might be made due to circumstances.

7. Executive Secretary Updates: None

Citizen Comments: Nathan Turowsky requested if the Select Board would answer a brief survey for the Mohawk Trail Woodlands Partnership Program.

Warrants FY18 W16 and FY18 PW015

Dennis May invoked the Rule of Necessity to sign the Payroll Warrants as his wife was on the payroll.

Adjournment: Seeing no further business, Chair Morse made a motion to adjourn the Meeting at 8:35 p.m. The motion, seconded Vice-Chair May, was unanimously accepted. (3/0/0)

Janice Boudreau
Executive Secretary

Approval Date: January 31, 2018

Approved:

Jennifer Morse
Jennifer Morse, Chair

Dennis May
Dennis May, Vice-Chair

Chuck Sokol
Chuck Sokol, Select Board Member

Documents:

- Agenda 01-24-18
- Local Technical Assistance – FRCOG (6 pgs.)
- Motor Vehicles Abatement Report
- Veterans Service Request
- MassDOT Letter (2 pgs.)
- Budgets: DPW, Park, BOH